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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship PATNA, 1,720 Tons, 300 H.P., Commander A. Arkinson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 7th November 1871, at noon.

	Nov.		Nov.
Leave BOMBAY	7	Leave Colombo	16
" Carwar	9	" Galle	17
" Mangalore	10	" Negombo	20
" Cannanore	11	" Pondicherry	21
" Tellicherry	11	" Madras	23
" Calicut	12	" Coconada	25
" Beypore	12	" Vizagapatam	26
" Cochin	13	" Bimlipatam	26
" Alleppy	14	" Gopalpore	27
" Tuticorin	15	" False Point	28
		Arrive CALCUTTA	29

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussora, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

The Steam-ship ETHOPIA, 1,132 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander A. Scott, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 13th November 1871, at noon.

	Nov.		Dec.
Leave BOMBAY	13	Leave BUSSORAH	1
" Kurrachee	17	" Fao	2
" Guadur	18	" Bushire	2
" Muscat	20	" Linga	6
" Bunder Abbas	22	" Bunder Abbas	6
" Linga	24	" Muscat	8
" Bushire	26	" Guadur	10
" Fao	28	" Kurrachee	13
Arrive BUSSORAH	29	Arrive BOMBAY	16

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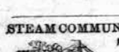
STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every MONDAY, at noon.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander A. Cottell, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 6th November 1871, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

FARES FROM BOMBAY TO

Class.	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Oorun.	Hog Island.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	2 0	3 0
Second Class	1 0	1 0	0 8	0 12	1 8
Third Class	0 8	0 8	0 6	0 6	0 9

The Rewas and Dhurumtur Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M. The Oorun, Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Oolwa Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Hog Island, and Oolwa at 1 P.M. Passengers are required daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M. Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay.

PILGRIMS TO JEDDA.

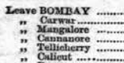
THE s.s. EARL CANNING will be despatched on or about the 30th OCTOBER, calling at ADEN and JEDDA. For Freight and Passage apply to

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co., Agents for Charterers.

Bombay, 6th October 1871.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.



The Company intends from October next to despatch every month a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY and vice versa. These Steamers have limited accommodation for Passengers, a small number of Passengers. The rates for Cabin Passengers include food and table wine through Egypt, and free conveyance of 2 cwt. luggage. For Baggage in excess £4 per Ton is charged.

The Steamer SPHINX, 1,400 tons, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 7th November.

PASSENGER RATES FROM BOMBAY :

	Cabin.	Deck, with Food.
To Aden	£16	£7-13
To Suez	£28	£13-7
To Port Said	£30	£14-6
To Trieste	£40	£19-0

Cargo taken for Trieste, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa, Aden, Egypt, England, and the Continent generally.

THERE is also a weekly service by MAIL STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and *vice versa*, in conjunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta Mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 300 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste is much more agreeable, it being a coasting trip full of variety of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on this 4½ days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on this Line, which are built expressly for this service, with special reference to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have fitted to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have fitted to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have fitted to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have each an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller each an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller each an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET dull and quiet. Government Paper active.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH

OFFICE—31ST OCTOBER, 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 31st October, 11-42 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours 28 minutes.

Via Turkey, 30th October, 10-15 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 12 hours 24 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 31st October, 12-20 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 40 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 30th October, 8-20 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours 58 minutes.

Via Turkey, 30th October, 9-35 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 53 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 30th October, 10 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 9 hours 40 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 9 P.M. of the 30th to 9 P.M. of the 31st October is as follows:—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min.
From Calcutta	4 11	0 8
„ Galle	7 9	3 19
„ Kurrachee	0 39	0 1
„ Madras	2 17	0 37

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 31st Oct., 9 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom, via Russia, 31st Oct, 11 A.M.; via Turkey, 30th Oct., 3-30 P.M. From Continent of Europe, via Russia, 30th Oct., 8-30 P.M.; via Turkey, 30th Oct, 10-30 P.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Persa; Persian line right to London.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—30TH OCTOBER.

London... Cotton ..... £2 15s. Nom. Casca ..... £2 15s. Seeds ..... £2 7s. 6d. to £2 10s.

Liverpool Iron Ships Cotton ..... £2 7s. 6d. Wooden Ships „ ..... £2 7s. 0d. Myrabolms & Colr bulk £1 19s. 0d. Seeds ..... £2 0s. 0d. to £2 2s. 6d.

Havre..... Cotton ..... } No ship. Coffee ..... }

Overland...Steamers ..... £2 17s. 6d. to £3 0s. 0d.

Liverpool via Suez Canal ..... £2 17s. 6d. to £3 2s. 6d.

China ... Steamer Cotton ..... Rs. 8 to 9 per bale. Opium ..... Rs. 2500 per chest Sailing Ships ..... Rs. 6 per bale

Calcutta ...Salt ..... Rs. 3 00 to 4 00 per on

Calcutta to Bombay ..... Rs. 19 and Calcutta Port charges

Mauritius ..... 8 annas to 10 p. bag nominal.

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
30	Euphrates (s)	Hutcheson ...	Coast and Kurrachee.
	Sir J. R. Carnac (s)...	Raffin.....	Coast and Goa.

The ship Victoria Cross, to Liverpool, began to load yesterday.

STEAMER REPORTS.

GALLE, 31st Oct., 12-51 P.M.—Mail steamer Baroda from Calcutta arrived.

WEATHER REPORTS.

CARWAR, 31st Oct, 9-45 A.M.—Weather clear, wind light, thermometer 76, barometer 29·98.

CANNANORE, 31st Oct, 10 A.M.—Weather clear, wind south-west moderate, thermometer 78, barometer 30·020.

MANGALORE, 31st Oct, 11-10 A.M.—Weather cloudy, thermometer 86.

TUTICORIN, 31st Oct, 11 A.M.—Weather fine, wind easterly, thermometer 86, barometer 29·925.

VINGORLA, 31st Oct, 9 A.M.—Weather clear, wind south-west, thermometer 78.

DAILY IMPORTS.—30TH OCTOBER.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

European (s), 25 cases yellow metal braziers, S Jadhowjee.

Bivouac (s), 2 casks iron padlocks, 1 keg brass padlocks, 1 case knives, A Burjorjee & Co.

FROM LONDON.

Yeddo (s), 5 bales paper, N F Dhoondy.

Roodee, 70 casks beer, Alsen, Riebe & Co; 100 cases yellow metal sheathing, D Sassoon & Co; 88 barrels colouring powder, H B Jeejeebhoy; 17 cases oilmanstores, 1 case earthenware, and 1 case soap, R Cowasjee & Co; 12 cases paper, A H Lookmanjee; 38 casks porter, W Wigram & Co.

FROM GENOA.

India (s), 42 casks sulphur (rough), Aldridge & Co.

31ST OCTOBER.

FROM LONDON.

Roodee, 20 cases coloured muslin glass, A Jewakhan; 13 cases oilmanstores; 2 cases cheese, 2 cases bath bricks, 2 cases iron Redstenale, and 1 cask blacking, C Jevajee & Co; 26 bales paper, C E Noor Mahomed; 83 cases stout, S Rustomjee Sookia; 4 packages earthenware, S Veera.

European (s), 24 casks hardware, A K Hyburbhoy.

Yeddo, 15 cases blacking powder, A Lalmia.

Orlando, s, 4 cases barley, M Couverjee & Co; 21 bales paper, H J Mahomed & Co.

Bivouac, s, 10 cases tobacco, S Cassumjee.

FROM TRIESTE.

Sphinx, s, 49 bales printing paper, E Tasks.

DAILY EXPORTS.—30TH OCTOBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Eastern Belle, 251 bales cotton, C S Nandershaw; 500 bales cotton, W Nicol & Co; 40 bales cotton, V Ebram & Co.

Abyssinia (s), 1,500 bundles galls, S Vagjee; 101 bales wool, D Bhagobhoy; 5 bales cotton, D Hormusjee; 63 bales cotton, D Merwanjee; 104 bales cotton, V Govindjee; 51 bales cotton, T Roychund.

Guiana (s), 18 bales hides and skins, Henry Rogers; 50 bales wool, D Gopejee; 118 bags saltpetre, C Jaitta; 20 bales skins, H E Jetaker.

India (s), 1,500 bundles galls, S Vagjee; 50 bales cotton, N Khuttow; 339 coils coir rope, 109 robbins copra, 128 bundles galls, and 49 bales wool, S Mooljee; 57 bales cotton, B Bapoobhoy; 75 bales wool, M Jetha; 200 bales cotton, L Narranjee; 22 bags safflower, D Merwanjee & Co; 32 bales cotton, C Callianjee.

Surat (s), 200 bales cotton, D Sassoon & Co.

Peiraeus, 50 bales wool, M Dhurumsey & Co.

Sumatra (s), 63 bales cotton, C Nensey.

FOR LONDON.

Sumatra (s), 31 bundles hides, S S Mohamed; 36 pieces E teeth, C Pursotum.

Surat (s), 44 bundles hides, C Nanjee.

FOR MARSEILLES.

India (s), 10 bales wool, M Easram.

FOR GENOA.

India (s), 10 bales wool, M Easram.

FOR MALTA.

Sumatra (s), 19 cases wax, R B Hobbe.

FOR ODESSA.

Sumatra (s), 200 bales cotton, H B Touche & Co.

Surat (s), 200 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers; 44 bales cotton, H B Touche & Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Sphinx (s), 2 bags corriander seed, A C Gumpert & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Orissa (s), 4 cases chocolate, A C Gumpert & Co; 11 bales waste cotton, and 50 packages red raisen, E Nusserwanjee.

31ST OCTOBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Peiraeus, 50 bales cotton, N Goverdhundass; 50 bales cotton, C Chapsee; 20 bales wool, M Dhurumsee & Co; 52 bales old gunny rags, D Wookarda.

Eastern Belle, 52 bales cotton, Adams and Kennedy; 235 bales cotton, G Samjee; 63 cwts horns, S S Mahomed; 8,000 bundles coir yarn, M Mowjee.

Alonzo, s, 60 bales wool, G Somjee; 1 bale cotton, S Roychund; 55 bales cotton, A Heerjee; 41 bales cotton, P Nensey; 97 bales cotton, M Jamsetjee; 800 packages wet dates, E Moonsee; 44 bags linseed and 30 bags mustard seed, Alsen, Riebe & Co; 15 bales hides, A Habibbhoy; 70 bales old gunny rags, T Callianjee; 7,500 coir yarn, S Vagjee; 51 bales hides, C Dattoo; 57 bales cotton, M Goculdass.

Sumatra, s, 63 bales wool, P Purboodass; 50 bales wool, V Vassunjee.

FOR LONDON.

Sumatra, s, 14 cases mother-o' pearl shells, N Gangjee; 50 pieces E teeth, C Allcobhoy; 13 cases cardamoms, 1 case safflower, 44 bales senna, and 16 bales skins, W Nicol & Co; 95 pieces E teeth, J Peerbhoy.

Surat, s, 70 bales hides, P Asser; 67 packages hides, O Tejonee; 3 bales hides, M Jewan; 3 bales hides, G H Bazan.

FOR HONGKONG.

Orissa, s, 25 packages sharkfins, H Lalljee.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—OCTOBER 31.

Vaughan, Major, Staff Corps, on leave, from Kolapore.

King, Ensign, 98th Foot, on medical certificate, from Seolkote.

Macpherson, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, on medical certificate, from Umballa.

Corban, Brigade Major, 49th Foot, from leave, from Matheran.

England, Captain, 10th Bengal Lancers, on medical certificate, from Seolkote.

DEPARTURES.—OCTOBER 31.

Scott, Lieutenant, 37th Native Infantry, to rejoin, to Calcutta.

Newman, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, to join, to Secundrabad.

Crawley, Captain, Inspector of Musketry, on leave, to Mhow.

Chapple, Surgeon, Royal Artillery, to rejoin, to Kirkee.

Black, Lieutenant, 11th Hussars, to join, to Mutra.

Cruickman, Colonel, Madras Staff Corps, to join, to Saugor.

Sparks, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, on duty, to Punjab.

Foster, Colonel, 9th Regiment, on duty, to Lucknow.

PRESIDENCY PAY-OFFICE NOTICE.

Bombay, 31st October 1871.

It is hereby notified that pay and allowances in arrears for Oct. 1871 will be issued to the troops, &c., on the undermentioned days, from 10 A.M. till 3 P.M. except on Saturdays, when payments will be closed at 1 P.M., and no moneys will be received after that hour, and that all abstracts should be sent to the Pay Office for examination two clear days before payment:—

On Wednesday and Thursday, the 1st and 2nd, General and Garrison Staff.

On Friday, the 3rd, Officers on duty at the Presidency.

On Monday, the 6th, H. M.'s 19th Regiment N. I.

On Wednesday, the 8th, H. M.'s 21st Regiment N. I. or M. B.

On Friday, the 10th, Gun Carriage Department.

On Wednesday, the 15th, Colaba Sanitarium.

On Monday, the 2 th, Ordnance Department.

On Tuesday, the 21st, Roman Catholic Orphanage.

On Friday, the 24th, Byculla Schools.

Latest dates from America.

Via Russia, 30th October, 12-20 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit 9 hours 47 minutes.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

KIERNANDER—October 30th, at Asseerghur, the wife of William Coleridge Kiernander, Garrison Surgeon.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BURRIDGE—October 25th, at Cawnpore, the wife of Mr. J. G. Burridge, Station Master, E. I. Railway, Cawnpore, of a daughter.

ELTON—October 27th, at Lucknow, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. Elton, Bengal Infantry, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

STEWART—VANSITTART—October 24th, at Christ Church, Mussoorie, by the Rev. W. Spencer, Captain John Mackie Stewart, 21st Regiment P. N. I., to Florence Mary, youngest daughter of Henry Vansittart, B.C.S.

DEATH.

FUCHS—October 24th, at Lucknow, John Augustus, son of the Rev. J. Fuchs, C.M.S., of typhoid fever, aged 21 years and 8 months.

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The Bombay Gazette.

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ONE of the Justices who signed the requisition for a special meeting of the Bench to consider the Police question sends us an indignant protest against the suggestion that that meeting need not now be held. Certainly, the Government has not yet placed on record its formal disavowal of Mr. Crawford's conduct: the respectful memorial of the Bench, showing how the Police might be paid for the rest of the year at no great cost to the State, remains quite unnoticed; and we have no guarantee that next week the Chairman of the Bench, or the Clerk of the Peace, may not receive instructions to pay the Police for the month of October out of the Municipal Fund. But, if the meeting is to be held, its scope ought now to be greatly enlarged. It is very desirable that the Justices should meet as speedily as possibly to discuss the present position of affairs and settle a course of action. They ought to declare publicly that they must not be held responsible for whatever may be done with regard to Municipal matters during the interregnum which the Government has chosen to create. It is quite clear that the law has once more been set aside by the Bombay Government in allowing Mr. Crawford to go away on sick leave without the sanction of the Bench. The fact that the Commissioner was a member of the Civil Service could not avail to exempt him from the duty of obeying the regulations of the Municipal Act. By section 18 of Act II. of 1865 it is provided that "it shall be lawful for the Justices, "at a special general meeting, to grant such "leave of absence to any officer appointed under "this Act as shall to them seem proper," and that, "in any case in which leave of absence "shall be granted to the Municipal Commis- "sioner, the sanction of the Governor in Council "shall be requisite, and the Governor in Council "shall make fit arrangements for the duty of "such officer." The Commissioner was bound, therefore, to apply to the Bench in the first instance for permission to go away; and, if the case was so emergent that there was no time to call a special general meeting before his departure, notice should have been sent to the Chairman of the Justices so that the leave which could not have been refused might have been formally granted this week, and sent up for the sanction of the Governor in Council. But forms of law seem to be of no consequence in this Presidency. The authority of the Justices has been once more set aside, and the Bombay Government has taken upon itself to "grant" leave which, properly speaking, it had only power to "sanction": and up to this moment the Bench knows nothing, except from what individual Justices may have read in the newspapers, of the vacancy that exists in the office of Municipal Commissioner. The Government having thus taken upon itself the responsibility, in the present critical state of affairs, of letting the Municipal Commissioner leave Bombay, no blame can fairly attach to the Justices for whatever may be the consequences of the intervention. The payment of the Police out of the Municipal Fund, without the consent of the Bench, was a matter of the greatest moment a week ago, but it becomes of comparatively small importance now that the Government seems to have arbitrarily taken the whole control of the Municipality into its own hands; and, if the Justices hold a special meeting now, they should do so for the purpose of strictly defining their whole position with regard to Government and the ratepayers, and stating, in language of unmistakeable plainness, their view of the situation in which the Municipality has been placed.

THE ravages of cholera in Constantinople, frightful though they have been, are now fortunately reported as abating. That the metropolis of the Sublime Porte is beautiful, from a distance, is no less true than that it is ill-drained, and in every way unsanitary when visited. it seems almost useless to expect improvement notwithstanding the fearful lessons which have been taught by the periodical visitations of cholera in its worst form. In 1865 there was a terrible outbreak, and on the 4th of August as many as two thousand persons are said to have fallen victims to "the pestilence that walketh "by noonday," aye, and by night and by dawn. Perhaps it is because cholera is almost an acknowledged co-resident with us in India that, though on every hand evidence is continually forthcoming of the value of *preventive* measures, so little notice has been taken of their worth, and so small an amount of individual exertion is exhibited to ensure the benefit of *personal* sanitary arrangements. Our Sanitary Commissioners are alive to the importance of action, and do to some extent act *after* an epidemic appears, or threatens to assume more than ordinary importance; but the information afforded by recent home papers proves that the Privy Council are determined to do right at last and to act efficiently before any such dire reality is called into existence.

The account furnished by the *Pall Mall Gazette* of the medical man who rushed off to the *Times* office, and obtained insertion of a letter reporting his attendance upon what he pleased to imagine a case of Asiatic cholera, must have alarmed London most unjustifiably; but it is very satisfactory to learn from the same source, that "in the course of the day an Inspector of "the Medical Department of the Privy Council "investigated the matter, and discovered that "the case was merely a severe attack of what is "known as English cholera. The Department "have since issued a circular, pointing out a "series of precautions against a *possible attack* "of the epidemic." The italics point a moral, and we should be pleased to see more positive measures adopted by our Government against possible attacks of this disease in India. It would be far more productive of permanent good than visiting different stations after the disease has subsided, and writing voluminous reports upon past evils. The many years of experience we have had in India show that we hold but a very poor position as physicians in the successful treatment of this disease when once present; but our position as sanitarians is more apparent, and our efforts to prevent its spread, or curative to lessen its virulence, though not to be confidently relied upon. It is a striking fact that almost all fatal and important diseases are more or less preventible. Mr. Simon, the medical adviser of H. M.'s Privy Council, places an immense responsibility on Government, when he says in his last address that, even in England and Wales alone, 120,000 deaths annually occur which *could have been prevented*; and he adds to this startling statement the very rational deduction that, if such a mortality is unnecessary, a very much larger proportion of suffering must be owing "to the want there is of a reasonably "good application of our existing knowledge of "the chief causes of local disease."

We have been able to combat in this country dysentery and small-pox, and it only requires a fuller realization of the personal and communal advantages of sanitary and hygienic *precautions* to ensure, in a very short period of time, some control over the appearance of these and similar diseases in the first instance. In all these matters, it is the poorest, and the most helpless, class that suffer most, and they naturally look to the Legislature for assistance. Mr. Simon says, "human life is physically "degraded and squandered," the multitude are the victims, and by their miseries and deaths they seriously affect those above them in the social scale. It is only on this ground that we object to the term "recommendations" as employed by the Privy Council. That body should issue *laws*, but we fear that until the time arrives for considering human life and suffering as superior to ballot, army purchase, or licensing legislation, or until subjects of this nature are formed unto one grand organization under the presidency of a "*Minister of Health*" of equal powers and position to those of Home, Colonial, or War interests, but little may be anticipated towards the reduction of mortality or the amelioration of so much preventible physical misery.

One of the most important points dwelt upon in the last Memorandum of the Privy Council is that "Cholera has a peculiar effectiveness of "its own, which, where local conditions *assist*, can "operate with terrible force." It is precisely these local conditions that come under the power of good sanitary regulations. Notwithstanding the many discussions, Mr. Simon believes that "the contamination of drinking "water by the poison in the discharges is "the most important local condition." In 1854 Drs. Snow and Lankester, on a committee of investigation, distinctly proved that the "Broad Street Pump" was the focus from which cholera spread, not only in the neighbourhood, but to a distance, where the water had been taken into use. In 1866, Professor Parkes traced the connection between the appearance of the disease at Southampton and the use of water from a tank on a certain vessel. In last year's report on British Burmah by Dr. Cowie, the peculiar habits of the Mughs, avoiding as they do religiously the pollution of drinking water, saved them for a lengthened time from any ill effects of the epidemic, although living in its midst and associated with the Chittagong coolies under similar circumstances. How was this? We read, "These sanitary people never wash "clothes or bathe in the tanks, and until their "supplies were contaminated by others they were "free from cholera."

We may be told that all this is known. If so, and action does not result from knowledge, it is simply futile. This is only one of many personal precautions known to the people, and yet it in common with the others is ignored. The majority of our fellow-residents know nothing whatever of the purity or non-purity of their drinking water supply. We find our rivers still contaminated with filth and sewage, our wells uncovered, and surrounded by ground daily saturated with effete matter, the majority of houses are without proper means for the storage or purification of water, and the very mass of our population, whose miseries so immediately affect ourselves, are daily drinking water and breathing air impure, and, in some cases, even poisonous.

Do our local authorities act with vigilance and conscientious regard for duty? We can get the essentials of healthy life,—pure air and sound water. We can impress upon others the fact that all kinds of filth refuse and decaying substances generate sickness; that overgrowding assists the development of, while personal and relative cleanliness tends to mitigate, disease; and, by resolving to remove the one and to encourage the other, by protesting against a continued disregard of sanitary laws, and urging for their more general adoption, we can do much towards proving that there exists much needless human suffering, and allaying if not even effectually preventing it.

THE last state of the Bombay Municipality would be likely to be worse than the first, if the way in which the *Times of India* speaks of the proposal to obtain a thoroughly good census of the city next February were a sure indication of the spirit animating the ratepayers. Dr. Lumsdaine suggests that Bombay should add Rs. 12,000 to an equal sum given by the State in order to "supplement the general informa-

[illegible] a file of Prussian soldiers [illegible] Her back is placed to the wall [illegible] apparently, for in the companion [illegible] man with arm in sling, led by an [illegible] looking woman, who points to a house [illegible] the one in the first. At the bottom of this [illegible]nt are her words: "See, they are shooting our Mother." At the bottom of the first print stand the words: "Le Courage et la Force."

It is but little to the point to prove that the German irruption and occupation has been, so far as scenes like these go, one of the least brutal of such evils. The French believe just the reverse; and their belief, the offspring of wounded pride and the desire for revenge, will embitter any future conflict beyond the power of even considering such a trifle as the mere historical accuracy of such and such an event.

With all this, too, the Parisian has his burlesque vein. In one or two windows you may see a sketch of a portly *bourgeois*, who wipes his tearful eyes as he looks at a piece of Gruyere cheese exposed for sale, exclaiming: "Oh! these cruel reminiscences. It reminds me of my greatest privation during the siege;"—or he touches with light crayon on what seems dangerous ground in a sketch showing sundry burly, and by no means good-looking, Prussian soldiers handing up buckets from a well, while a very pretty peasant girl leaning against a post looks out of the picture at the reader, pointing with the thumb over her shoulder at the soldiers, saying, "I make these *canaille* draw my water."

But the people are still gay. There is singing of patriotic songs, as well as others which do no one good either to hear or to sing, every evening at the well-lit enclosures in the Champs Elysées; the salt of the political satire is not wanting, too, in these effusions, and the Parisian enjoys a good rap at the powers-that-be, for he feels very sore that the beloved city is still in a state of siege, and as it were a mere suburb of Versailles.

The Races, though not so well attended, they told us, this year, were so crowded that on Sunday it was hard work to get either there or back again, and, though the carriages are less numerous, the "emigrants" are fast returning, and the Boulevards are still full enough to make crossing the street a work of intricate manœuvring.

Curious to look at the outside of the city, as well as the inside, we took train on Monday for Versailles by the Right Bank. I was again agreeably surprised at how little destruction was apparent. The Bois de Boulogne is still to an observer from the railway as well wooded as ever. If the reader have a good map of Paris, let him look at this railway, and he will see that it was the one most used in the last great sortie against Montretout, a fort originally made by the French, taken by the Germans, and re-taken for a short time in this affair. Looking to our right front, we see Nanterre, and further, though hidden, is Rueil. Ducrot, who led the right advance here, was about three hours late, and was hotly peppered by the Fourth German Brigade on the opposite side of the Seine from les Carriers de St. Denis and Chatou. The first is a small village near the latter, and not to be mistaken for the large town of St. Denis; both Chatou and les Carrieres are just opposite Rueil and Nanterre. Poor Ducrot made but little headway during two hours' fighting, though I believe some of his force got as far as Longboyau, but he was beaten back, and the result was failure of the left attack on Montretout. As we pass hurriedly along by rail there is not time enough to appreciate the effect of this tremendous sortie. The trees are felled here and there in long lines as if to open up the fire of guns; garden walls are crenelated, but apparently not much battered by artillery.

Looking across to St. Cloud and Meudon, after passing a cutting, one sees there as well as on the Bois de Boulogne, and indeed all round, the pretty little chateaux still nestling cosily in the wooded slopes. The hand of the spoiler has no doubt been at work in them, but outwardly few look at all the worse.

The town of St. Cloud, however, appears to have borne the brunt of the fight, which was mainly one of artillery. Every house but eight is hit, and most of them are now but tottering walls; yet, singular to say, the church, the most conspicuous object of all, is untouched. The Palace is an utter ruin, but the fine trees of the Park are but little hurt save where here and there a line has been cut through them and the trunks thrown across the great walks.

The fair of St. Cloud is going on, and we pass through a dense crowd of soldiers, workmen, and girls, enjoying its mysterious gaiety. The amusements bear a strong family likeness all the world over; there is the same giddy delight of the "merry-go-round" here that one sees even in Bombay; the same pop-gun shooting; the same tight-rope business and conjuring; and there is not wanting the fierce excitement of a *roulette* wheel at which, for the modest sum of 25 centimes, you may win a soup bason, a set of child's fire-irons, a speaking doll, or an incomprehensible bundle of sweets, to say nothing of a score of other trifles equally useful or pleasant.

At Versailles we found the trial of the Communist prisoners such dreary long-whilish sort of work that we agreed to go out in the grounds, which I may add bear no marks of "barbarous" occupancy. Here some 26,000 Communist prisoners are encamped, and between that line of dirty huts and this piece of dirty water, in which some are flinging themselves in a sort of devil-may-care way, but well guarded by soldiers, they lead a sort of dog-and-kennel life; their appearance, though unkempt, is much the same as that of an equal number of other Frenchmen; at any rate, no marks of dreadful crime are to be seen in their faces.

On Wednesday we determined to visit the heights above Clamart and Chatillon, so, taking the outside of the omnibus, we drove between the forts of Vanves and Montrouge to Chatillon through ground which appears to have been often fought for by both sides, though the bullet marks and other signs are as if the struggle had never been very fierce. Walls are not broken down by artillery, but appear as if crenelated by both parties for musketry fire as the fortune of war gave them to one or the other. Indeed, judging from these signs the skirmishers of both sides must have been often within a hundred yards of each other. The village of Chatillon appears as if it had been taken in one rush, as I believe it was. Marks of musket bullets are very numerous down the principal street which is on the side of the hill looking over Paris, and there is but little sign of struggle on the side streets.

We mounted a hill which was the scene of the first efforts of the Parisians as the Germans made their flank march to Versailles in front of them, and here they yielded ground of immense advantage. This hill rises from the lower ground about Villejuif, near Bagneux, and just above Clamart makes a plateau of some thousand yards long by about four hundred wide; to the west the slope towards Viroflay and Versailles is gentle, incressing in abruptness as we look south-east to Villejuif, and becoming quite steep and rugged towards forts Issy, Vanves, and Paris. One can get some idea of the value of such a position by comparing it with the place where the flag staff stands, on Cumballa Hill. The gilt dome of the Invalides is about as far from one as St. Thomas' Cathedral is from the other, and on the plain below, and apparently close under, lie the forts of Issy and Vanves, so much knocked about that one wonders how any human beings could have remained there. Indeed, the Germans say they constantly silenced them, but apparently in the night the adventurous defenders would return and fire a shot or two occasionally but never with any continuous or deadly effect. Indeed, it almost seems as if, had the Germans been so minded, they could here have carried their approaches to the walls of Paris and taken the town by assault; but the manner of taking Paris, though not so exciting an event as this would have shown on the historic page, was a much more workmanlike proceeding, and showed a better knowledge of the forces at work on both sides, hunger and time the most considerable of them.

As one stands on the hill above Clamart and looks over the beautiful city which stands out with almost metallic brilliancy on this clear sunny day, a feeling of profound surprise is uppermost that, about twelve months ago, the French failed to defend this important position. I had read, I remember, at the time that the works yielded were mere unfinished redoubts of comparatively little value. I find a large work evidently fully finished. There are two rubble work ammunition houses covered with three feet of earth still, and having well-dressed stone doorways. The work may not have been armed with guns, but we know the German heavy guns had not arrived at this time (Sept. 22), and it certainly ought to have been held at any cost.

A line drawn from the salient angle to the gorge is about two hundred paces, and the two flanking angles are about three hundred yards apart, so that a good number of defenders could have helped to secure it even if assisted only by field pieces. The flanks seem secure; it was apparently carried by a front rush; the defence could have been but feeble, for a garden wall about two hundred yards from the gorge was not crenelated, and there are but few marks of bullets on it, as if the fighting had been feebly sustained.

From two works on the brow of this hill, and just in the rear of this French work, the German batteries bombarded Paris from Point du Jour to the Pantheon. This was, however, merely as a warning, for the damage done was trifling. The firing was at considerable intervals.

The fact of the bombardment is however duly brought to the notice of all and sundry whom chance or curiosity may lead to the spot by a large board on which it is duly recorded in letters of the largest size placed on the top of a Cabaret which the shells of Valerien have almost destroyed, but which still drives a good trade in *petit bleu* amongst the soldiers and workmen hard at work levelling the various redoubts around.

We walked down through Clamart, which apparently had seen but little fighting. On the houses are still to be seen the names of the different regiments of the invading army which successively occupied them. From this place we marched to Meudon along a capital paved road bordered by plane trees, one or two of which had been knocked over, and a few more bore marks of heavy shot. Along this line, however, there were but few evidences of smart skirmishing, musket bullet marks being visible only in few places. Taking the train to Sevres we walked again through the Park of St. Cloud to Point du Jour, from thence, feeling tired, by cab to our hotel after a hard but very interesting day's work.

Being still curious to see the scene of another fight more honourable to the French arms, we took train next day to La Varenne. The fighting along the streets in the part of Paris through which our route lay was more severe than in any place I had yet seen. Many houses appear quite honeycombed with musket bullets, and the Column of July is pierced with holes of large size, I fancy from shots fired quite wantonly, as the marks extend to the capital. The railway station was severely contended for both inside and out.

Our purpose was to visit Champigny, Brie, Noisy; to have a look at Mont Avron and the scene of the first great sortie, November 30, with the ground partly covered by the second great attempt, December 21st. The object of the first was to break the iron girdle somewhere between Choisy le Roi and Brie, and so hold out a hand to the Army of the Loire approaching Fontainebleau; the second attempt was to detain the Germans, so as to enable Faidherbe to make head against Manteuffel on the north. We all know how unsuccessful these attempts were, but a cursory glance around is sufficient to show that the fighting was more severe between Brie and Champigny than any about the hill of Chatillon. Those large mounds of honourable dead tell their own tale. The village of Brie is in ruins; it was a charming little spot, devoted apparently to water parties from Paris, but the walls covered with marks of musket balls now speak of deadly work. The ground rises gently from the bend of the Marne, near Nogent, till at Brie the road overlooks the river, running close to it, by a sharp rise of about fifty feet. The hillock still rises till it overlooks the little town, and a gentle undulating country is dotted with the villages of Noisy to the left front, Villiers in front and Champigny to the right. It seems the *beau idéal* of a battle field with but few obstructions to movement of any kind. Every one admits that the French fought well and gained decisive advantages on the first day by taking Brie and Champigny. The reason why on the later days the attack failed is scarcely now understood, but no doubt was greatly attributable to the want of cohesion and working together of the enormous mass whose front had made headway without being properly supported. The result was a stiff fight for these two posts, and on their loss a hurried retreat of the whole mass under the cover of the guns of Forts Nogent and La Faisanderie. It will be long before the marks of the struggle in the villages, and houses round, and the mounds of dead, cease to tell the tale of the first great sortie.

The sortie against Le Bourget was still more honourable for the troops engaged, and, though ultimately unsuccessful, it is admitted that at first the German first line was driven back, and that on the German left the French took and held strong ground at Maison Blanche and Ville Evrart, just under the guns of Mont Avron, and compelling the German line to describe a complete semi-circle opposite that formidable obstruction. The same reasons which operated in defeating the first sortie caused the failure of the second. The posts gained were lost next day, but this was not followed by a precipitate retreat; indeed, the French stubbornly held a deal of the advance till a concentrated fire made Mont Avron untenable. Why the advance was not pushed home to complete success in this direction, and so cut across the chief line of supply of the besiegers, or why at least some of the heights which threatened Mont Avron were not searched to discover those batteries covered by a belt of trees which afterwards told with such effect, must remain a mystery for some time.

The country here is a gently undulating plain, extending from the high ground east of St. Denis to the forest of Bondy, which divides the two points of attack. Le Bourget on the Lille road lies to the left front of a spectator at Bobigny where the French left rested; Avron, with Evrart and Maison Blanche, is on the extreme right, distance from the two extreme points about seven miles; Le Bourget distant about three miles from the French left, and Ville Evrart about the same distance from their right. But, though the distance along the German front was about seven miles as the crow flies, yet the curves which the ground compelled them to make and the irruption of the French on their left made the distance to be traversed from their position on the Marne at Gournay to Le Bourget not less than eleven miles. The French main body was massed between Bobigny and Rosny, on about four miles of front; they had succeeded in their feint at Bourget and in the main attack on their right; they held the chord of the arc, and their opponents were widely extended. It is evident the chiefs of the movement had managed the attack well and in good form. It is to be feared the cause of the ultimate failure must be sought in the inferior officers or in the soldiers, and not in any wonderful strategy of the Germans, who, indeed, had a task of no ordinary difficulty. We had a careful look at the ground from the French position only however; this, while it materially helped me to understand the various Correspondents' letters, and to see almost actually the progress of the battle, left the question, "Why was this attack not a successful one?" not at all satisfactorily explained. It must also be borne in mind that the way to the points attacked and carried was for other portions of the German Army not immediately concerned in their defence by roads which describe

terday, and charged before Mr. Cooper with having drawn false cheques on the Bombay Bank. A number of witnesses were examined, and the magistrate again adjourned the case for further enquiry.

A MARWARY ROGUE.—On Monday a Marwary appeared before Mr. Nana Morojee and applied for a summons against a native on a charge of assault. The magistrate refused the application. Shortly afterwards the man appeared before the Senior Magistrate and made a similar application. A police havildar who was in Court at the time informed the magistrate that his application was refused by Mr. Nana Morojee. Mr. Connon warned the Marwary not to play such tricks with the magistrates, and fined him five rupees.

A ROW ON THE ALFRED ROAD.—In the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Nana Morojee, Aaron Benjamin and four others were charged with disorderly behaviour on a public thoroughfare. The magistrate convicted certain of the prisoners, and sentenced them to a fortnight's rigorous imprisonment, and bound them over to keep the peace. In the course of the afternoon, Mr. Vishnoo Ghunnesham, pleader, appeared before the magistrate on behalf of the prisoners, and asked the punishment to be mitigated to a fine, but the magistrate refused the application.

RUMOURS never cease to fly about. Here is a recent one of some interest in these days. Sir Henry Lacon Anderson has, as many of our readers are probably aware, been lately mentioned as the next Governor of Bombay after the retirement of His Excellency Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, which is expected to take place very soon. Well, we have now a pendent added to this. It is said that Mr. Forjett, our well-known quondam Commissioner of Police, is coming back to Bombay in company with Sir Henry. How far one can believe this, we will not take upon ourselves to say. We may say this, however, that Mr. Forjett's arrival in Bombay, should it occur, might prove of great use to us. It is said he is coming out to take part in the Municipal controversy. We expect his assistance will be of some value in other matters connected with the Municipality than the Police Department; and in that his opinion would certainly be of very great weight. Some reductions, as we noted at the time, have already been ordered by Government in the police of the city; whether any others are practicable, and where, is a question on which Mr. Forjett will certainly be able to give us at once very useful and independent evidence.—*Indu Prakash.*

CRICKET.

A CRICKET MATCH was played yesterday between the "Telegraphers" and the "Medicoes," and the latter came off triumphantly. The one cricketer among the former who played well was the smallest man of the lot. The fielding on the side of the "Medicoes" was not so good as could have been wished. With a few months' practice the "Telegraphers" may hope to compete successfully with the rivals who foiled them on this occasion.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE S. S. EUPHRATES, Captain C. C. D. Hutcheson, sailed yesterday for the Coast and Kurrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—For Veraval—Mr. Melvill, Mr. Robb, and forty-eight deck passengers.

STATE OF THE TIDE AT BOMBAY.

HIGH WATER.				NOVEMBER.	LOW WATER.			
Time.		Height.			Time.		Height.	
H.	M.	FT.	IN.		H.	M.	FT.	IN.
1	30	m	8		2	11	2	1
1	2	3	8	Wednesday... 1	7	22	6	2
2	5	m	8		8	3	m	2
2	37	3	10	Thursday ... 2	7	56	m	3
2	45	m	4		8	44	m	1
2	11	3	6	Friday ... 3	8	33	m	4
3	33	m	3		9	14	3	3
2	50	1	2	Saturday... 4	9	14	3	3
3	7	m	2		10	32	m	0
3	46	0	9	Sunday ... 5	10	12	3	2
5	31	m	2		11	55	m	0
5	23	0	8	Monday... 6	11	34	3	2
6	50	m	2		11	16	3	1
7	5	3	1	Tuesday... 7	1	16	1	7

Moon—Last Quarter, Nov. 5th, 5h. 43m. p.m.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

SHOLAPORE COLLECTORATE.

From the weather report of the Sholapore collectorate, for the fortnight ending 15th October, we see that the rubbee crops were calculated to be equal to three annas. Further sowing was impeded for want of moisture. The present state of crops was good. Cholera and fever prevailed in almost all the talookas of the collectorate.

NEWS LETTER.

KURRACHEE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

25TH OCTOBER.

LAST Thursday was the first day of our sky meeting for this year. The course as usual on such occasions was crowded with spectators from all quarters of the town and camp; and the grand stand also exhibited a goodly gathering of the *élite* of Kurrachee society. At a little after four o'clock three ponies put in an appearance on the course to compete for the first heat of the "Pony Stakes" viz:—Mr. Cresswell's (66th Regt.) Punch, The Bedouin's Bayard, and Mahomed's Maharaj. The first named pony started with the lead and maintained it for a short distance, when he was overtaken by Bayard, who won easily—both in the first and second heats. The next race on the card was the "Garrison Cup," for which the following horses started, The Fenian's Sheet Anchor, Captain Anderson's Prince Charley, and Captain Lucas' Conrad. Sheet Anchor won a beautiful race, although it appeared that the contest was confined to himself and Prince Charley, the third horse having fallen far to the rear in consequence of a very bad start. The excellent manner in which Sheet Anchor was managed by Major Thoyts was the subject of general remark. The "Subaltern's Purse" followed next, and five horses came to the fore to compete for it. Captain Hall's Child, Dr. Keelan's Fao, and Captain Browne's Potteree seemed to have the tussle all to themselves at the start and for some distance after, but Child took the lead eventually and won an easy race, Potteree coming in second. The last event of the day was the "Galloway Plate," in which Captain Browne's Bayboy, well coached by Captain Anderson, won an easy race from the other two horses that started with him, viz. Dady and Bob, in fact Bob was lost in the distance. On Saturday there were only three races to be run for, nevertheless the course was thronged at an early hour. The first was "The Hack Race" for all horses, half mile heats, to carry 10st 7lbs, and the competitors were Dr. Keelan's Fao, Captain Browne's Bayboy, Captain Hall's Child, Mr. Coghlan's Larkhana, and Mr. Waller's Bob. This was unquestionably the best race of the evening, but the result proved quite contrary to all expectations. Bayboy was the favourite, and the betting ran as high as ten to one on him, but he did not even put in a good third. The Child, which was ridden by Major Thoyts, won the first heat, closely followed by Fao. In the second heat Fao came in first but was found to be short-weighted, so the Child, which came in next, was declared the winner. Great excitement prevailed while the riders were being weighed after the second heat of this race, which was run in the dark, as a light could not be procured for love or money, and the stewards are indebted for their judgment to a box of fusees which a gentleman standing by produced from his pocket on seeing their dilemma! The next race on the programme was a handicap for all horses, distance three-quarters of a mile. This was a keen struggle between Sheet Anchor and Prince Charlie, but the latter came off victorious, attributable no doubt to Sheet Anchor being very heavily weighted. He carried 11st. 10lbs., whereas Prince Charlie only carried 9st. 12lbs. The last race was also a handicap for ponies, the entries were Bayard, Maharaj, and Punch, but the last-named levanted with its rider before they could get a start, and so the running was only between Bayard and Maharaj, the latter winning a good race. On Monday the soldiers' games passed off most successfully, Major Nicholetts' Beloochees as usual distinguishing themselves in running.

Kurrachee is shortly to be deprived of a very useful and popular member of society, Captain T. F. Dowden, the Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways in Sind. In his official capacity he evinced great zeal and ability in the discharge of his duties; nor was he less useful in private life. As voluntary organist of Trinity Church he exhibited musical talent of a very high order, and his departure will be much regretted both by the clergy and congregation. Captain Dowden's successor is Captain Augustus LeMesurier, R.E., who arrived here by the last mail from Bombay.

Some time ago there appeared in one of the Madras papers an extraordinary case, where a quantity of liquor in a bonded warehouse was discovered one morning to be metamorphosed into an equal quantity of aqua pura! Strange to say a similar phenomenon has manifested itself in the wine butts of a native merchant in this town, whose peace of mind has been not a little disturbed in consequence; as, on his applying for a refund of duty paid on the said wines, the local authorities have ordered an investigation into the matter. Should any *dishonesty* be discovered, he is to be prosecuted forthwith, and dealt by according to law.

MR. HELLER'S ENTERTAINMENT.

ON Monday night Mr. Heller gave a popular entertainment at popular prices, and the house was filled in every part. His and his sister's endeavours to please and amuse were thoroughly appreciated, applause being as frequent as the evolving excellencies of the entertainment. Mr. Heller, in the course of the evening, intimated that he and his sister would likely give Bombay another call in the course of a year or so. He is now *en route* for the provinces and the principal cities of India, and we are sure he will be as heartily appreciated as he has been in Bombay. We are ourselves sorry to lose such excellent entertainers, humourously, magically, and musically; but we have satisfaction in being justified in bidding them, not a final good-bye, but a simple *au revoir*. Such performers are not every day on "India's coral strand," and we would advise Mofussilites and every other class of the inhabitants of India to extend to them their heartiest welcome.

A STRANGE CASE OF THEFT.

A HINDOO woman, named Bhagoo, appeared at the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, and laid an information against one Ruttonbace, woman, whom she charged with administering to her a stupefying or intoxicating liquor, with intent to commit theft.

Bhagoo, woman, said—I am a widow, and live at Camateepoora. On Wednesday last, at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I was walking along the Duncan Road, when the prisoner called to me. I went to her, and she gave me some betel nut and leaves. About half an hour afterwards she gave me some liquor. Afterwards Ruttonbace gave me some toddy. I felt giddy and lay down in the room. Shortly afterwards the prisoner removed the ornaments from my body. I could not speak or resist. At 6 o'clock the following morning, I came to my senses. I went to the prisoner and asked her for my ornaments, but she said she had lost them. I then went and reported the matter to the police. I charge the prisoner with theft, and pray that she may be dealt with according to law.

The magistrate ordered a warrant to issue against the accused.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.

GENTLEMEN,—We have the pleasure to submit an account of the operations of the Comptoir during the year 1870-71; but before informing you of the result, allow us to cast a retrospective glance on the events which have taken place since we last met, and to render you an account of the measures we have thought necessary to take to protect the interests which have been placed in our hands.

It will be superfluous to recall the rapidity with which defeat after defeat overtook us. From the very commencement of the month of August it was impossible to undervalue the exceptional gravity of the situation, and it was necessary to prepare for the fearful crisis that was likely to ensue.

Our task was difficult. In proportion as the enemy occupied the eastern parts of France, our correspondents in those departments hastened to deposit in our hands their Bills and Securities. During the same time the Bankers and the Commercial Community of Paris applied to us for the discount of their Bills, and the public hurried to withdraw their deposits. The Comptoir was enabled to assist all those who applied to it; and we can say, with a feeling of just pride, that during this critical period, we were, so to speak, the only medium between the Bank of France and the Bankers and the Commercial Community of Paris and the Departments.

On the other hand, due to the convertability of our Securities, the withdrawals from the Bank were effected without the slightest difficulty. Notwithstanding the security this state of things gave us, prudence advised us to telegraph, at the commencement of the war, to all our Agencies in India and China, to send all their money to Europe even at a loss on Exchange. Although our Agents executed our instructions with the greatest rapidity, their remittances could not arrive in Paris before it was blockaded; we hasten to say that this delay did not in any way inconvenience us, for our metropolitan resources were sufficient to meet our requirements, notwithstanding that we had to pay above 12 millions sterling in a week. As soon as the march of the Prussians on Paris proved, beyond doubt, that we should be blockaded, we sent off to Nantes a large portion of our Staff, and such Bills as were falling due in the provinces.

In a few days a new "Service" was completely organised at our Agency in that city. Simultaneously, we transported to London all our Securities on foreign countries, and established there a special "Service;" we were thus enabled to continue our Correspondence with our Agencies in foreign countries and our Branches in the East. These two "Services" carried on our business during the war to our entire satisfaction. That of Nantes was enabled to carry out our business in the unoccupied part of the country without any interruption, as previous to the war; besides, enabled to protect our interests in obtaining the payment of bills on the provinces, and, considering the severity of the crisis, the results were most satisfactory.

On the other hand, the "Service in London" was able to carry on regularly our communications with our Agencies in India and China. Our Agencies in the East remitted to London very heavily, representing more than 50 per cent of the amount which they had in them. Experience has therefore shown us, that, even in the most critical moments, a few weeks are sufficient to bring from the far East all our resources.

The end of the foreign war did not put an end to our trials. It is unnecessary to call to your minds the calamitous circumstances which forced the Executive to leave Paris after the insurrection of the 18th of March. The General Post Office was no longer in the hands of the legal authorities, and we felt the want, soon, for a second time, destined to be cut off from the entire world. We then decided to send off "*un-administrateur délégué*" to Versailles, with the greatest part of our Securities and some of our Clerks. Our Correspondents were thus put in direct means of communication with the "Siege Allied Service;" our Special couriers left Versailles and Paris, and meeting at the German outposts at Saint Denis, there they exchanged our letters; by this means we were enabled to carry on a regular Correspondence with France and abroad. The Board of Directors and our Clerks were thus enabled to remain in Paris without the slightest difficulty.

You will be glad to hear that, notwithstanding the many dangers to which they were exposed, most of the members of our Staff, and our Auditors, who had not left Paris during the insurrection, attended every day regularly at the office of the Comptoir, encouraging by their presence and firmness those of the Staff who had remained at their posts.

Such, Gentlemen, were the dangers to which we were exposed by the Foreign and Civil War which befel our country. Such were the efforts that we made to surmount them.

We would only speak *en passant* of the patriotic duty which your Directors did not fail in,—namely, to grant full pay to those of the Staff who were called to serve either as Soldiers or "Gardes Mobiles," and also by contributing largely to the maintenance of numerous misfortune and misery which occurred during those months.

Before terminating this Report, we have a duty to fulfil, which we do with the greatest pleasure—a duty which we trust you will join us in fulfilling, namely, that our united thanks be given to the Staff of the Comptoir for their devotedness during the whole of the dreadful period they had to pass through.

The profit realized by our Eastern Branches, after fully providing for all bad and doubtful debts, is 6,695. We desire to call special attention to the operations of our Agents in London, Lyons, Marseilles, and Nantes, which during the year have amounted to £23,000,000, and the profit realised is £59,213.

EXTRACT FROM THE AUDITORS' REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—Notwithstanding the severity of the crisis through which we have passed, your Board of Directors propose to you to pay a dividend of frcs. 50c. per share, independently of the Statutory interest of 4 per cent. per annum, which will make for the year 27frcs. 50c. per share of frcs. 500, or 5½ per cent. per annum. We trust you will think, with us, that it is a favourable result, and that it proves the soundness of the Bank as well as its good management. You can, in all confidence, vote this distribution of profits, which have been really earned.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET of the Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris, for the year ending 30th June 1871.

LIABILITIES.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Capital	3,200,000	0	0
,, Reserve	800,000	0	0
,, Reserve for the Foreign Agencies	17,861	2	10
,, Reserve against Bills prorogued and on warrants	44,000	0	0
,, Clerks' Provident Fund	23,518	10	0
,, Current results	59,974	4	5
,, Due on account of Letters of Credit	7,965	5	5
,, Bills remitted for Collection	678,032	5	8
,, Accounts Current, { With the Provinces ... With foreign countries ...	883,902	18	6
creditor ... { With foreign countries ...	393,930	0	0
{ With Sundries ...	28,365	5	0
,, Acceptances and Bills Payable	185,288	10	0
,, Coupons to be paid	263,845	18	2
,, Dividends of the { Unclaimed ... for the half year ending	16,820	9	6
Comptoir, due { 17th August 1871 ...	112,000	0	0
,, Profit and Loss, { Rebate on Bills Receivable,	5,881	0	0
New Account { Profit not distributed	1,057	1	7
	£7,122,503	3	2

ASSETS.

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Cash in hand and at the Bank of France { On Paris	334,198	3	4
{ On Provinces	427,624	13	6
,, Bills Receivable { On Foreign Countries	555,459	6	0
	293,992	18	4
,, Funds with Agencies in Europe	1,350,471	3	2
,, Funds with Agencies Abroad	1,467,733	6	7
,, Advances on Public Funds	128,256	0	0
,, Accounts Current, Debtor	1,774,942	18	6
,, Advances on Merchandise which have not been renewed	90,862	16	0
,, French Rente	671,538	10	0
,, House property	105,491	8	4
	£7,122,503	3	2

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Profit realised during the year 1870-71.	292,393	13	10

Dr.	£	s.	d.
General Expenses for the same period	69 013	2	0
Rebate on Bills	11,313	10	3
Statutory interest in February of 2 per cent. on 160,000 shares	64, 00	0	0
Less Reserve to meet losses on Bills prorogued by Law, and on Goods burned in the Public Warehouses	44,000	0	0
The 2 per cent. Statutory Dividend for second half-year	64,000	0	0
And a Supplementary Dividend of 7 frs. 50 cts. per share on 160,000 shares	48,000	0	0
Undivided Balance	1,057	1	7
	£292,393	13	10

A GREAT sensation has been produced in Hungary at the revival of the old custom "ad audiendum verbum regium" in the case of a Hungarian bishop. This prelate, the Bishop of Stuhlweissenburg, published the resolutions of the Ecclesiastical Council, and the Papal decrees relating to them, in his diocese without the Emperor's permission, and he was accordingly summoned to Pesth to be solemnly reproved for his conduct. He was received in the Prime Minister's palace by all the Ministers in full court dress, and Count Andrassey, who represented the Emperor on the occasion, informed the bishop that he had received an autograph letter from his Majesty announcing that the bishop's conduct had met with "the Royal disapprobation and displeasure." The Count added that he was commissioned to convey to the bishop "the Royal rebuke," and to express a hope "that he will pay due respect to the laws and to the orders of his Majesty in future."

CLAIM FOR TOWING A DISABLED STEAMER.

THE S.S. INDIA v. THE S.S. MULA.

At the High Court the other day, the Chief Justice, who sat in chambers to dispose of emergent business during the vacation, delivered judgment in the case of the *s.s.* India v. the s.s. Mula, which was heard before his Lordship in January last. Mr. Macpherson, instructed by Messrs. Jefferson and Payne, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Anstey, instructed by Messrs. Macfarlane and Skipsey, for the defendant.

The plaintiff was Captain Joseph Dodero, the master of the India, acting on behalf of R. Rubattino and others of Genoa, the owners of the steamer. The defendant was Shaik Essa bin Kalifa, an Arab merchant, the owner of the Mula. The plaintiff claimed Rs. 50,000 as the value of the salvage services which his steamer performed. Since the Mula was brought to Bombay, no payment, tender, or satisfaction had been made or offered by or on behalf of her owner to the plaintiff. On his application, therefore, the Court, on the 15th August 1870, issued a warrant for the arrest of the Mula, her tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo. In the same month the defendant offered to give any security which the Court might hold to be proper; and on an application made on his behalf, the Court adjudged the value of the Mula and cargo to be Rs. 3,50,000, and the ship was released upon security being given for Rs. 30,000.

The circumstances of the case appear clearly from the plaint, which was as follows:—"The India is a screw steamer of about 1,862 tons registered tonnage, and having engines of about 180 horse-power and belongs to the port of Genoa. At the time hereinafter mentioned, she was manned by a crew of 51 hands all told. The Mula is a screw steamer of about 689 tons registered tonnage, and has engines of about 150 horse-power, and belongs to the port of Bombay, and shortly before she was fallen in with by the India, had sailed from Bombay on a voyage to Bushire with a general cargo, and on the said voyage she had also treasure on board, and the estimated value of the screw steamer, and of the whole of the said cargo and treasure, and the freight thereon, is four lakhs of rupees or thereabouts. On the 10th day of August, 1870, the India, laden with a general cargo, and having 41 passengers on board, was proceeding from Bombay to Aden, and about 5 a. m. on that day, it then being not quite light, about 90 miles due west from Bombay, a vessel was seen about two miles off under sail with her head to the south. The weather was hazy, and the wind was light and moderate. A boat put off from the vessel, and on seeing that, the master of the India stopped her engines, and an officer of the vessel having come on board, it was discovered that the vessel was the screw steamer Mula. The officer stated that the Mula was on her way to Bushire, but had broken her shaft on the evening of the 8th August, that since then they had been trying to sail, but as the wind was light she would not steer, and as the current was strong, they had drifted and were still fast drifting to the south, that they were unable to make Bombay under sail, and it was impossible to say where she might not drift to. The officer further stated that the master of the Mula was ill, and desired the master of the India to take the Mula in tow, and tow her back to Bombay harbour. The master of the India was unwilling to go back to Bombay, but the officer pressed him to take her in tow to Bombay. The master of the India thereupon stated that if the master of the Mula would state in writing his request, he would comply with such request. Thereupon the officer went on board the Mula and returned to the India, and gave him a paper writing in the words and to the intent, as follows:

'I hereby declare that I consider my steamer to be in such a disabled state as absolutely to require your assistance, which I accordingly demand. J. R. COATES, Master.'

'August 10th, 1870.'

On receiving the document, the master of the India stayed by the Mula for some hours, and then took her in tow and towed her into Bombay harbour, where she arrived about 2 a.m. of the 11th August 1870. The Mula's hawser was carried away in towing, but the crew of the India passed one of the India's hawsers on board of the Mula, and with this she was brought into Bombay harbour. The crew were working two hours and upwards in fixing the hawsers, and the Mula was in tow from 8 a.m. of the 10th August, 1870, and until 2 a.m. of the 11th August 1870. By the services aforesaid, the Mula and her cargo were preserved from total loss, and the India and her crew ran great risk and danger and were put to great delay and inconvenience in rendering the same."

The defendant set up the following defence:—"To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief the value of the property was not more than Rs. 3,45,500, and not greater than three lakhs and a half of rupees. The value of the cargo, so far as I can ascertain by reference to the manifest, is.....Rs. 2,60,000

The value of the steamer Mula is..... 70,000

The amount of freight is 7,000

The value of the mails on board is..... 7,000

The value of the store is estimated at 1,500

Altogther Rs. 3,45,500

I am informed and verily believe that, at the time the Mula was taken in tow by the India, she was in no immediate danger or imminent peril, and that if the India had declined to give the assistance which she gave, the Mula would in all probability have either reached Bombay harbour, or so near there to the southward, that she might have anchored and sent for the assistance she required. I am also informed, and verily believe, that the India, in towing the Mula back to Bombay, did not incur any danger other than the persons on board of her or to the vessel and her tackle and apparel, and that no extraordinary degree of skill was displayed or required, that the labour bestowed was the ordinary labour of towing a vessel a distance of eighty miles or thereabouts in moderate weather, and that the loss of time to the India was not more than three days."

In his written statement, the defendant said that the Mula is of about 689 tons registered tonnage, but has engines of only 100 horse power. At the time of taking the Mula in tow, the India had on board a much less number of passengers than 41, of whom but few were first-class passengers; and at the time the Mula was not more than 80 miles distant from Bombay. Defendant admitted that the India did render certain services to the "Mula" in towing her back to Bombay, but denied that by the said services the Mula was preserved from total loss or even from any immediate or ultimate danger. All the result of the services rendered that the Mula was thereby saved from total destruction, and not left

he year. As a set off to this we will receive 100,000 bales more East India cotton in Liverpool, being about the excess now on the water to this port.

Our supply to 31st December will then compare with last year as follows :—

	1871. Bales.		1870. Bales.
Stock 29th September	423,000	...	529,000
Import American	250,000	...	291,000
" Brazil	100,000	...	110,000
" Egyptian, say	60,000	...	80,000
" Sundries, "	30,000	...	30,000
" East India	360,000	...	289,000
	1,223,000		1,381,000
Delivery, Trade and Exp. port, 13 weeks at 65,000	845,000	13 weeks at 75,000 ...	993,000
		Deficit in Stock ...	34,000
			1,003,000
Stock 31st September	378,000		378,000

From this calculation it appears that we can afford a weekly delivery of 65,000 bales from Liverpool for the remainder of the year, against 75,000 bales same time last year, leaving us with the same stock on 31st December; but it must be remembered that London will have a surplus supply of 170,000 bales, (Madras and Bengal cotton,) which will meet a large part of the export demand, and therefore we regard 65,000 bales per week as a full figure for the outgoings from Liverpool, and it might be reduced considerably if the trade chose to fall back upon their stocks. There is nothing in the statement here put forward to cause alarm among consumers, but there is enough to give holders confidence, backed up as they are by the prospect of a very short crop in America.

We generally find, however, that in the long run bad trade in Manchester counterbalances in a remarkable degree deficient supply of the raw material, and though prices of cotton between now and Christmas may be run up, perhaps materially, it would not be safe to build confidently upon their long continuance, and the business of cotton importing will be a hazardous one this coming season.

There is much questioning at present about the comparative value of American and Surat cotton. Thus far the trade hold with much tenacity to the former, though intrinsically it is the dearer of the two. We consider that fair new Dhollerah and Oomrawuttee at 7¼d are to the majority of spinners as cheap a material as middling Uplands at 9d., so that American is ½d per lb above its proper relative value. This may continue some time, as spinners are reluctant to change, but before long there must be a far more general resort to East India cotton. As the profits of the trade become smaller, and especially when actual loss supervenes, the first thought will be to cheapen the material; nor will the wishes of the operatives be so much regarded when it is a matter of indifference to a spinner whether he works or stops his machinery. Therefore we believe that in a short time we will see an extensive resort to Surat cotton and a closer approximation of the two kinds, though it may be November or December before the relative price will be adjusted. Unless spinners act on this plan promptly, they will be exposed almost to a famine of American cotton before the new crop arrives.

Egyptian cotton still continues relatively much cheaper than American, though the stock has run down to a small figure, but the prospects of the new crops are so good that holders offer freely. Should any change for the worse occur in the prospects of the crop an immediate and serious rise would occur here, for the fine spinning trade was never more profitable than now, and could easily afford to pay a large advance.

EXPENSIVE OYSTERS.

During the first of two late sieges of Paris a Prussian sold to a French marauder a dozen oysters for a dozen francs. The marauder sold them to a Parisian restaurateur for a hundred francs, and the restaurateur sold them again to one of his most dainty clients at twenty francs the oysters. It was a high price to pay for the mollusk, but the wealthy gourmand was able to say that he had eaten the only oysters which found their way into Paris throughout the siege. He was wise enough to keep the shells, and they have just been sold by auction to a rich and enterprising American, Henry Stuart by name, for 32 francs. One pound five and sixpence for empty oyster shells beats the lampreys which Horace used to eat.—*Globe.*

AFTER-THOUGHTS ON THE MANŒUVRES.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES.")

[Concluded from the *Bombay Gazette* of Oct. 25.]

"Infantry very good, Cavalry superb, Artillery incomparable." Such is said to have been the verdict of "our foreign military critics." It was certainly complimentary, especially to the last-named service, and might almost frighten us out of any criticism of the Royal Artillery were it not that they seem so thoroughly determined to follow out their motto—"*Ubique quo fas et gloria ducunt*"—that any hand pointing forward along the glorious road of duty and progress must be welcome to men who have already marched so far up its steep ascent.

There was one remark frequently made during the manœuvres, but not yet, so far as we know, finding its way out of the printing office. It was this:—"We see Artillery officers of all ranks except the higher ones. There is one General commanding the whole Artillery at the manœuvres. Where are the Brigadiers and Generals of Division? What is the use of them an Artillery-man? What do you do, then, with the Colonels who have been so carefully trained in every drill of the three arms, not only in their artillery duties." This time last year the answer would have been that it was impossible to adjust the claims of science with those of purchase, that the officers of other branches of the service had actually paid for the right to command, and that, for some unknown reason, Artillery officers, no matter how much inclined thereto, were positively forbidden to quicken their promotion by any pecuniary arrangements whatever. It was a strange anomaly for a practical nation like England. Like the promotion introduced in the less educated branches (we refer, of course, only to military education), even to the extent of permitting violation of the law; slow promotion bound fast to the scientific corps by laws rigorously carried out. Here was one of those curious absurdities which, like flaws in a precious stone, exist in our English Constitution only because no one quite knows how to get rid of them without danger to the whole gem. Purchase has disappeared now throughout the whole army, and the improvements it hindered will inevitably but gradually declare themselves and be adopted. It should be clearly understood that each officer in those batteries pronounced incomparable as artillery has been also thoroughly trained in both company and battalion movements of infantry, in the use of the rifle and sword, in riding, and in the manœuvres of cavalry. It is one of the peculiarities of the British Artillery service that its officers are taught the handling of every weapon and the drills of every branch of the service. They are, in fact, Jacks of all trades, whether they are masters of none we leave to the decision of their critics during the manœuvres. Masters they are, and for that very reason know that they must be always learning.

The Memorandum issued by the Commander-in-Chief freed the movements of the guns as far as words could free them, but the order was apparently not quite understood in some quarters, for on several occasions batteries were found making obsolete movements against the protest of the captains. So great has been the change in the power of artillery that it can hardly be realized by any others than artillerymen; so infantry commanders commonly refuse to consider themselves supported by guns which are, perhaps, 1,000 yards distant from the troops to be supported. Some definite agreement must be come to on this point. All that the artillery officer needs from the Brigadier is, "I am going to attack that hill or village, give me all possible support." Then the artilleryman, who knows the capability of his guns, is responsible for choosing the best position for them, and never moving from it without good reason. The one mistake most observable during the manœuvres was this, that artillery supposed to be in support of cavalry or infantry moved too often when they moved and halted when they halted. The true tactics of artillery in combination with the other arms is for the guns to concentrate their fire on the point to be attacked, so preparing the way and confusing the enemy. When the opponents close the fire of the guns must cease of necessity, and then is their time to find a better, perhaps nearer, position, in readiness to confirm a success or cover a retreat.

Another want during these manœuvres was the use of a concentrated fire from many guns. Not the concentration of the guns upon one spot, but concentration of their shells to concentrate guns is to give the best possible mark for the enemy. It may be necessary sometimes, but should be avoided whenever it is possible to do so. On the other hand, to separate the batteries while directing the fire of the pieces on one spot is to gain the advantage of crushing the enemy, while that enemy's fire is weakened by its dispersement. There were, of course, minor faults corrected at the time, and not likely to occur again. Among them was a very simple one—simple as soon as it is mentioned. A battery comes into action on the brow of a hill. The guns are well concealed behind the crest—as well as is consistent with firing at the enemy—limbers and ammunition more so. The order comes to retire. From old habit the captain gives the word, "Rear limber up." The horses bring the limber to the gun, and as they wheel about to enable the trail to be lifted into its place both horses and limber are partially exposed. In such a case the right course would be to run the gun back towards greater safety where the limber is, not to bring the limber into less safety where the gun is. Similarly, when the place for the guns is fixed it is better, whenever possible, to unlimber out of sight of the enemy, and run the guns a little forward into position. The greatest care should always be taken not to put the motive power in danger. What the engine is to the war steamer that the horses are to a battery in the field. Without them it can fight only in one spot.

In the next statement of opinion we are not certain of carrying our friends with us. We cannot but think that horses are kept in too fat condition. After a few days of campaigning the fat is lost, and the saddles, &c., which fitted perfectly before become too large for the diminished bulk of the animals, so that a good deal of refitting is necessary in order to avoid galls and sore back. Of course, each captain will have his own views on the subject, and the horses of some batteries are fatter than those of others. This opinion, which certainly seems common-sense, must be taken for what it is worth, and no more. Such matters go very much according to fashion, and fat horses at least show practically that they have been cared for.

On the whole the work of the artillery in the late battles was done coolly, rightly, and with a nonchalance begotten of professional knowledge. It was worth going out of one's way after a battle to see a battery encamp and settle down instantly to its work. What work again and immediately after the day's fighting was over? Yes, herein lies the difference between the horse and foot soldier. First in case come the infantry. They have trudged on foot a good deal through the day, it is true, but they have had many a rest with opportunities for sitting or lying down, and when once in camp there remains nothing to do but a short cleansing of the rifle. All else is for their own comfort. The cavalry have to groom and feed their horses, and clean their saddlery, in addition to all that the infantry have to perform. The artillery have far the hardest task, for they have to be coachmen as well as grooms, and they must make a right careful examination of their carriages lest something should go wrong next day. But the little drivers are real wonders for work. Each one of them has a pair of horses and a double set of harness to keep in order. Does it ever occur to admirers of the "turn out" of English batteries to calculate the amount of time and trouble spent in cleaning all those saddles, pads, straps, and buckles; the knowledge and care necessary to detect anything that is going wrong, so as to get it repaired instantly? There are difficulties, too, only known to the initiated. If some of those numerous straps are buckled one hole too high when the harness is put on they will groan when the first great strain comes, just at the moment when everything depends on the serviceability of the equipment.

It is quite inconceivable by those who know what the service of field artillery is that Volunteers can learn the thousand arts and dodges by which the artillery drivers keep horses and harness in good order. The most that Volunteers can do is to make a fair outside show for a few days. We speak not without knowledge, for we have watched the best Volunteer field batteries under many circumstances. In what class to place the Honourable Artillery Company we know not, but its efficiency is far greater than any modern Volunteer field battery we have seen. It has arrived at a sufficient standard of excellence to know how difficult field artillery work is. It would be interesting to know the opinion of its officers as to the possibility of anything like a considerable force of Volunteer field artillery being efficient on a sudden call to arms.

It is very instructive to see how men darken counsel with words sometimes. Here has the whole world been watching the successes obtained by superiority in field artillery since when the bringing field artillery to perfection has been the question of the day in all military nations and societies. The verdict has just been given by foreign critics in favour of the "incomparable" English field artillery. The pre-eminence will need great care and watchfulness to keep, and we should suppose patriotic Englishmen would spare no pains to keep ahead. But no; up rise Lord Elcho and Colonel Shakespear to tell the country that all this efficiency is worthless compared with numbers and prices. How many guns could we manage to show on parade for a certain sum of money. That is the question in the eyes of these strange advisers. True, these guns of Colonel Shakespear's are to have no ammunition waggons, and only carry 33 rounds apiece, so that their share in the battle would soon come to an end. Never mind; there would be the guns, and surely their mere appearance ought to strike terror into the hearts of an enemy. The whole proposition is so comical that serious argument is rendered difficult. One does not use a sword to cut tissue paper withal. Besides, it is necessary in this case to begin at first principles.

Supposing we were to "admit, which we do not, that by encouraging Volunteer field artillery the proportion of guns for a British army might be doubled, and that the guns would be moderately efficient. To do so would be to violate a principle, well established as regards perfectly trained, still more so as regards half-trained artillery. There are few students of the military art who will not recognize the words:—

"The reader will have noted that both at Austerlitz and at Solferino the beaten armies brought to the field a great preponderance of artillery, large part of which took no part in the engagement. The truth is, that the huge trains which roll-wed their columns were too unwieldy to be arrayed. Surplus artillery is far worse than useless; it hamp-rs and delays the columns, destroys roads, perplexes generals, keeps troops out of action for its escort and protection, and impedes the retreat."

If, then, too large a proportion of artillery is actually dangerous to an army, how much more must this be the case if the artillery is not perfectly efficient? Therefore, the wisest expenditure of money will be that which keeps up the right proportion of artillery in a condition of the highest attainable perfection. "Surplus artillery is worse than useless," even supposing it to be efficient. Volunteer field batteries would give surplus guns not very efficient. Therefore, Volunteer field batteries are worse than useless. We cannot be at the pains to disprove the statement that the Royal Artillery is worse than that of the Volunteers. This, like the other assertions made, says Colonel Shakespear, at the United Service institution, "may be assumed to be true" by all who think 12-pounders better than 40-pounders, and who do not know the difference between the uses of light field guns and "guns of position." It is acknowledged on all hands that the Volunteers might do excellent service as gunners to work the steady slow moving guns of position horsed by country horses and driven by men who understand the care of horses, but even then there would generally need to be some few Royal gunners mixed with them. The truth is, Volunteers are sometimes apt to forget that loading, aiming, and firing are among the very least duties of artillerymen. To explain this it is only necessary to relate a trifling incident which occurred at Shoeburyness, where there are none but good words of, and good deeds to, the Volunteers.

Generally speaking, Volunteers going to Shoeburyness for practice find their guns all ready for them with stores laid beside them only waiting to be used. Once, as a useful hint, a party of Volunteer gunners going down to their appointed place found guns, it is true, but dismounted and lying on the ground. They asked what this meant, and were told that they had to be mounted before practice could commence. For the first time they learnt that guns don't grow all mounted on their carriages like fruit on a tree. The men found they could not get those huge heavy masses of iron into their places without help. Like fine fellows as they are, they read the lesson as it was meant, and worked cheerfully and with alacrity under the directions of an instructor sent to help them. All this sort of work, the construction of batteries, laying of platforms, bringing up and mounting masses of metal weighing many tons, are among the studies taught of necessity to professional artillerymen who require to be as expert with skids, tackle, and handspikes, to say nothing of knotting and splicing, as sailors are with their naval gear. If Volunteers devote themselves to one small branch only of artillery work—loading, aiming, and firing—they may easily gain a slight superiority in it over men who have a hundred other things to learn and to do. A gentleman generally rides better than his groom, but set him to do all the stable work, cleaning horses, saddlery, carriage, and harness, he will soon find himself at a disadvantage. If he devotes himself entirely to such work, he may come in time to beat the groom at it, but then he has been neglecting the work and eschewing the habits which make him a gentleman. Similarly if the Volunteers would devote themselves to nothing but gunnery for two or three years, there is no doubt but they would become first-rate artillerymen. But, then, they would be artillerymen—not Volunteers in the present sense of the word. That is to say, if the middle classes would give the whole of their time gratuitously for two or three years to soldiering, we should have the best and cheapest army in the world. At present there are small signs of such self-devotion.

It is unfortunate that Lord Elcho and Colonel Shakespear should have raised this point, and used such extraordinary arguments, for it is not pleasant to have to point out the shortcomings of a force in whom the country has much pride, and who deserve the confidence of their countrymen, provided they do not claim too much.

What is to be said of the Royal Engineers during the manœuvres? Simply that, look where you will, from the first idea of the campaign to the end of it, they have been the life and soul of what is generally called the Quartermaster-General's Department. They surveyed the various spots proposed for the manœuvres, and, assisted by some officers from the Royal Artillery, because their own Staff was too weak, selected and marked on the maps the commons and camping grounds. They managed the bridge equipage and telegraph during the campaign, and were sometimes employed on outpost or "intelligence" duty during the actual course of battles. Whatever they did was, by common consent, well done, and if their deeds were not such as attract much popular attention, they were as necessary as any force on the ground.

Neither the Militia nor Volunteers excited the favourable comments of the foreign officers. We think that rather hard measure was served out to both in the criticisms. Perhaps a little more steady work during the year is necessary before they can quite reap all the possible advantages of such manœuvres. One fact is worth laying hold of. The Reserve Forces showed true British patience and pluck, looking all the better finally for their rough work.

This quiet patient steadiness is the great virtue of the British soldier. It springs from no special system of military training, but from the national temper and the national habits of obedience to law and non-interference with other people's business. Wherever questions were asked the answers showed that Regulars and Reserves pulled well together without any petty jealousies. The Volunteers saw and praised the steadiness and discipline of the Army; the soldiers marvelled at the good temper and devotion to duty of the Volunteers. The Militiamen from the metropolis and the north of England, who had not quite attained to full efficiency, showed much work when they first came, but they did not suffer and were marvellously improved by the fresh air and exercise. But we really must have more of the country Militia regiments next time to show our guests how excellent and how fine-looking some of them are.

If we were asked to point out what appeared most to want moulding, we should say—First, all the generals and inferior officers seem to be of opinion that next year their hands may be left free, merely giving them general ideas of objects to be attained, and not limiting their operations further than they will be limited of necessity by the Act of Parliament, and having as the only limit of engagements that there should be no attacks in force except in daylight. Secondly, the Defence Absolute should be avoided, and the soldiers taught as well to leap from cover when the right moment comes, as to seek it, and hold to it when it is useless to move. Thirdly, choice of position for artillery, so that the guns in action may cover all movements, and especially formations of cavalry and infantry. Fourthly, outpost duties—instruction is wanted throughout the service in this most important branch of the soldier's art. No General should take the field without his "intelligence officers," whose business it should be to receive reports from outposts, to interrogate prisoners, country people, and spies. They should always be able to tell the General with pretty nearly an approach to certainty what the enemy is about, or was about, when the last reports came in. Fifthly, the supply should not come all from one spot, but should follow each of the opposing forces. This demands a complete organization of the Supply Department, and there is now an excellent opportunity for getting rid of the obnoxious word "Control." It is an entire misnomer, but we could not believe until we saw it how greatly the popularity and efficiency of the Department is impaired by that name. Our cousins across the Atlantic are practical and sensible people, but let a President call himself King, and see what the insult would be. "Supply Department!" There is a good honest English name signifying the thing itself, and offensive to nobody. Give back also to the Royal Artillery the care of warlike stores now so strangely placed in the hands of men quite unfitted by education to have charge of them. Organize the transport on a comprehensive but not extravagant scale, and then the Supply Department will become as popular in the army as it is now the reverse. There never was such a chance for it as now, because it can say, with truth, the only branch of the service which broke down during the manœuvres was the transport obtained by contract.

It is said now that the total cost of the manœuvres will fall far short of what was anticipated. Suppose the worst estimates should turn out true. Even then the country may rest satisfied that never was there a wiser or more fruitful investment of money.

The International in Germany.—We understand that the arrangement made at Salzburg with regard to the "social question" does not contemplate any measure of repression against the members of the International or other Trade Societies, but merely the adoption of preventive means with a view to settling the points in dispute between labour and capital in a peaceful manner. The German and Austro-Hungarian Governments propose carefully to watch this important movement, and to step in between the parties as arbitrators should an opportunity offer itself, and they are striving to induce other Powers to join them with the above object.—*Eastern Budget.*

LIGHT ROLLING STOCK FOR RAILWAYS.

(*Times.*)

On Friday, Sept. 29, a party of engineers and other gentlemen interested in the construction and maintenance of railways visited Bristol for the purpose of inspecting a new double bogie locomotive and some light rolling stock, all constructed after the designs of Mr. Fairlie. The engine "Hercules" is for the Iquique Railway in Peru, and is of the same general character as one previously made for the same company, and described in *The Times* last year. It has four 15-inch cylinders, of 22 inches stroke, and its total weight (60 tons) rests upon 12 wheels, arranged in two groups of six, coupled together, and all assisting in the adhesion. It will be required to work heavy traffic over a gradient of 1 in 25 for 11 miles, and round curves of three chains; and during the experiments on Friday it went round curves of 2½ chains with the greatest facility, the deflection of the centre of the leading bogie platform from the end of the boiler amounting to 14 inches. It was then taken through a boiler shop and a smith's shop, and so upon a very irregular and badly kept piece of line belonging to the Midland Company. Here its trip was restricted by certain bridges and platforms which it could not pass; but it ran up and down, over a length of about a quarter of a mile, with the perfect smoothness for which the double bogie is so remarkable. Its passage over roughly-laid points was distinctly audible to those riding upon it, but communicated no jolt to the driver's platform. It has been built by the Avonside Company, for Messrs. Montero, of Peru.

The light rolling stock is being made at the shops of the Bristol Waggon Company; and the specimens exhibited were for three different gauges, one of 4ft. 8½in. (the prevailing gauge of this country and of Europe), one of 3ft. 6in., and one of 2ft. 6in. The 3ft. 6in. stock has been made for the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway, and the 2ft. 6in. stock for a railway in Peru, it being intended that both lines should be worked entirely with Mr. Fairlie's carriages and engines, and upon the system for which he has so long contended.

The whole of the stock furnished ample evidence how little the capacity of carriages and waggons need be diminished by even a considerable reduction in gauge. The light waggons for the 4ft. 8½in. or ordinary narrow gauge are 14ft. long and 7ft. wide by inside measurement. Their sides are 2ft. 6in. high, they weigh 2 tons 5 cwt., and will carry seven tons. If fitted with a patent break, their weight will be increased to 2 tons 7 cwt. The 3ft. 6in. waggons are six inches longer than the foregoing, and of the same dimensions in all other respects. They weigh about 2 tons 2 cwt., and will carry seven tons. The 2ft. 6in. waggons are 6ft. wide by 12ft. long, and 2ft 6in. deep; they weigh 1 ton 11 cwt., and will carry five tons.

The passenger carriages for the 3ft. 6in. gauge are commodious. A first-class carriage is 19ft., 6in. long, and 7ft. 6in. wide. It is divided into three equal compartments, each with seats for eight persons, and the height from floor to roof in the centre is 6ft. 8in. The roof is lined over the seats with thin mahogany, and over the centre with bird's-eye maple, and the lamp is wholly above the roof level, countersunk, so to speak, within a polished reflector, calculated to light up the whole interior and to render reading possible. The general trimmings and decorations of the interior are very tasteful and pretty. The second-class carriage is 18ft. 6in. in length, but of the same width and height as the first-class, and divided in the same manner although each of its three compartments will accommodate ten persons. The weight of the first-class carriage is 300lb., and that of the second-class carriage 232lb., for each seat; so that, if this stock can only be filled, the ordinary proportion between dead and paying weight in a passenger train will be very materially modified. The covered goods waggons for the same gauge are 14ft 6in. long, 7ft. wide, 6ft. high, and weigh 2 tons 15 cwt.

The chief difficulty in the way of designing a light railway stock is the amount of solid material that has hitherto been thought necessary in order to give sufficient strength to resist the shocks and concussions incidental to the daily working of a line. In ordinary goods waggons, for example, the buffers are only the sides of the frame prolonged, and every time these buffers meet the whole of the frame is rudely strained and shaken. That which may thus be seen to happen at any station when a goods train is being shunted happens also, although in less degree, in passenger carriages; and the great strength, of which great weight is the necessary consequence, has been required as a protection against sudden contracts, and in order to prevent the stock from being shaken to pieces by the jars to which it must be subjected. As a first step towards lightening it Mr. Fairlie has aimed at diminishing concussions, and for this purpose he has introduced a new system of buffers and of coupling. Beneath the frame of each carriage there runs an iron drawbar, and the drawbars of adjacent carriages are closely coupled by a single link. Every carriage is furnished at both ends with a single central buffer, presenting a convex surface, and these buffers are brought almost into contact. Each buffer is furnished with a very strong coiled spring, and has about an inch of play, the general result being that the closeness of the coupling and the continuity of the drawbar render the train of carriages movable as a single mass, and not as a succession of detached portions, which may be knocked about almost independently of each other. The passage of the united train round curves is provided for in the mode of attachment of the drawbar under each carriage, and the closeness of the coupling has rendered necessary a total départure from the ordinary mode of fastening, by which many railway servants have been killed and injured. In the new carriages the drawbar terminates in a sort of expanding cup or receptacle, comparable to a funnel, only square instead of circular. Through the sides of this receptacle a horizontal bolt passes, and can be moved to or out by a lever and link crank working from about the middle of the carriage. When two carriages are to be joined, a single iron link, about 8in. in length, is put into the receptacle of one of them and the bolt is shot through it. The carriage, with the link projecting, is moved up to its yokefellow, and the free end of the link enters the receptacle of the second carriage, where it also is secured by shooting the horizontal bolt. The expanding character of the receptacle secures the entrance of the link if it should droop a little, or if the carriage to which it is attached should be sunk upon its springs, by a heavy load, to a slightly lower level than the other one. The fastening is effected instantaneously, by a single movement of the lever, as the carriages come into position and is not only much more expeditious than the present system, but seems to be absolutely free from danger to those who are concerned in carrying it out. If these plans are found to work in actual practice as well as they do in experimental trials, the new buffers and coupling will not only save enormous expenditure in the conveyance of dead weight, but they will also save many valuable lives. Every coroner is aware that the trapping of a railway servant between buffers is a matter of no uncommon occurrence.

An incidental advance of the traction from a central point is that a narrow line might be laid down inside one of broader gauge, and that an engine running upon either would draw a composite train made up of carriages some of which were wide and some narrow. In the shops of the Waggon Company, at Bristol, the three gauges were thus laid down in one track, and such an arrangement might offer many facilities for connecting cheap narrow-gauge branches with a trunk line constructed upon a larger scale.

The double bogie engines for the Peruvian line of 2ft. 6in. will be required to work over long gradients of 1 in 20, and round curves of two chains radius. It is estimated that they will do this at 30 miles an hour, and that they will be equal to any traffic which a railway can be called upon to undertake. We learn also that various English engineering firms have now double bogie locomotives in course of construction, to the number of nearly 50, for lines, mostly of narrow gauge, in Peru, Mexico, Canada, Nova Scotia, New Zealand, Russia, Sweden, and Brazil. It seems that the problems connected with the "Railways of the Future" are on the way to receive a speedy and practical solution.

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